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Editorial

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In the mid-year issue of the *Journal of Financial Therapy*, we highlighted the many accomplishments the *Journal* has made in just three short years. The submissions to the *Journal* continue to grow, the quality of submissions is increasing, and the diversity of topics is expanding. For example, in this issue, topics of articles are not only specifically related to financial therapy, but also include: (a) financial literacy and social work, (b) financial coaching, and (c) financial trauma and tactical asset management. Seeing the *Journal* expand and grow is very exciting!

When talking about the achievements of the *Journal*, we must always acknowledge the very important people who contribute to the success of the *Journal*. First, we must thank Megan Ford, the *Journal's* copyeditor. Without her, the articles published would not...well, let's just say she makes the *Journal of Financial Therapy* happen! Second, we are grateful for the authors who decide to submit to a new journal. In academia, submitting to a new journal can be seen as risky, but well-noted scholars in the field are increasingly submitting to the *Journal*. In the *Meet the Authors* section, the authors of the papers published in this issue are spotlighted. Third, we must show our sincere appreciation to the reviewers who spend hours providing constructive comments and suggestions to authors in order to help them prepare their papers for publications. The peer-review process is an important process in establishing the credibility of any journal. Without thoughtful reviewers who value financial therapy and the many topics related, the information presented to the world through open access would otherwise not be as high quality. The *2012 Reviewers* section lists those who have served as reviewers during the year. If you are interested in becoming a reviewer, go to <http://www.jftonline.org> and enroll as a reviewer. Be sure to identify any areas of expertise that you possess. When a paper comes across our desk that requires your expertise, we will know to send it to you!

As you can see, we have many people who make the *Journal* a success. However, it would be a mistake to overlook one of the founders of the *Journal*, John Grable. Many of you know John as an intelligent guy with revolutionary ideas. I (Kristy) know him as a colleague, mentor, and friend, who goes the extra mile to make an idea become reality. During the time when the Financial Therapy Association was being founded, I remember John coming to my office when we both worked at Kansas State University and saying, "I think the area of financial therapy needs a journal." I, of course, whole-heartedly agreed. Then, he asked if I would be interested in serving as the Co-Editor. Obviously, I said "yes."

John is a guy who makes things happen. The next thing I knew he had already talked to the K-State library staff about ideas for publishers and a meeting had been set with New Prairie Press, our publisher. In that meeting, we were introduced to the idea of open access journals and how they were the wave of the academic future. Of course, as scholars brought up in more traditional academic ways, we were skeptical at first. With John's experience from implementing and editing another journal, he knew the right questions to ask to help a new cross-disciplinary journal become successful. Before long, we had a journal, a publisher, authors, reviewers, a copyeditor, and our first issue published in 2010! In short, the *Journal* would not exist without John Grable.

You might be asking why I have taken the liberty to use the editorial to show my appreciation to John without him knowing (this is one thing he didn't have any editorial power over!). There are a couple of reasons. First, we have devoted much of our editorials to thanking people who make the *Journal* a reality. However, the *Journal* would not exist without the time John has dedicated in implementing and making the *Journal of Financial Therapy* a high-quality, credible journal. His reputation, nationally and internationally, has brought attention not only to the area of financial therapy, but also to the *Journal* itself. Second, he is retiring his role as Co-Editor of the *Journal of Financial Therapy*. When he asked if I would be interested in co-editing, my initial thought was, "What does he need me for? What do I have to offer?" As it turns out, the editing process has definitely been one of teamwork and I am deeply grateful for all of his efforts in establishing the *Journal* and helping make financial therapy a more visible area of research and practice.

John, the *Journal* team greatly appreciates all you have done for both FTA and the *Journal*. You will truly be missed! As we bid you farewell, we wish you the very best in your future endeavors. Of course, we will be happy to see you at upcoming financial therapy activities!

You may be wondering what this means for the *Journal*. The answer is that the *Journal* will continue to do what it does best: provide a place where academics and practitioners can share knowledge, practice approaches, and ideas related to financial therapy, as well as continuing to build its reputation by growing, becoming more visible, and increasing quality and credibility. As discussed previously, it takes a team to achieve these goals and I encourage you, whether a reader, author, or reviewer to spread the word about the *Journal of Financial Therapy*, read it, and contribute your time and expertise in the preparation of outstanding papers. You also will see a few new things. For example, we are currently piloting an associate editor of profiles and book reviews. Emily Burr, a Master's student in Marriage and Family Therapy at Kansas State University, willingly accepted our offer to fulfill this role. We plan to annually rotate this associate editor's position, in which we will seek graduate students or non-academic financial therapy members with editorial skills. The profiles and book reviews associate editor will be responsible for seeking out and collecting book reviews and identifying potential professionals in financial therapy to be spotlighted in each issue of the *Journal*. We hope to have applications available mid-year of 2013, with expectations to begin the position in 2014.

In this, the third volume, second issue, we are very pleased to bring four outstanding financial therapy papers, one book review, a researcher profile, and a practitioner profile to our readers. To begin this issue, Jerry Gale, Joe Goetz, and Sonya Britt have written a thought-provoking paper in which they introduce ten considerations for a new cross-disciplinary association. Both Jerry and Joe are faculty members at the University of Georgia and Sonya Britt was the first president of the Financial Therapy Association and is a faculty member at Kansas State University. Their paper is thought-provoking and a must read! Next, Martie Gillen, a professor at the University of Florida, and Diane Loeffler, a professor at the University of Kentucky, have highlighted the importance of social worker students gaining knowledge and training on financial matters prior to entering the workforce. As the push to increase financial knowledge of emerging professionals continues, Martie and Diane's paper will be perceived as seminal. Third, J. Michael Collins and Collin O'Rourke introduce the *Journal of Financial Therapy* to financial coaching. Although financial coaching has definitely been discussed within the *Journal*, Michael and Collin provide a superb overview of what financial coaching is, theoretical foundations, and initial data supporting financial coaching activities. This paper will be a must-read for all financial coaches or anyone interested in learning about financial coaching. Brad Klontz and Sonya Britt wrote the fourth paper in this issue on financial trauma and tactical asset management following the 2008 financial crisis. Their article highlights the psychological experiences of financial advisors following the financial downturn. Financial advisors will definitely want to read this!

Our own Kristy Archuleta, and a team of graduate students from Kansas State University, contributed the next article. Their article features a qualitative study of financial therapy and introduces a conceptual framework that can serve as a basis for building the field of financial therapy, communicating with colleagues, and informing the public about financial therapy. This paper received the Outstanding Paper Award at the 2012 Financial Therapy Association annual conference. Featuring the conference's outstanding paper is new to the *Journal*, but a practice we plan to continue. By providing an outlet for the best paper, we hope to help increase the number and quality of submissions to the conference.

Finally, we feature the academic and practitioner profiles. In this issue, Jeff Dew, from the University of Utah, and Marcee Yager, are the featured professionals. Jeff and Marcee both attended the first financial therapy forum in Anaheim, California in 2008. Jeff is an accomplished researcher whose area of interest is money and marital stability. He has published in the *Journal of Financial Therapy*, as well as other well-known, high impact journals, such as *Family Relations*, *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, and *Journal of Marriage and Family*. Marcee is a financial life planner who splits her time between California and Mexico. Marcee will also begin her first term on the FTA Board of Directors in 2013.

We continue to solicit quality papers that feature financial therapy practices, experiments, and other research related to financial therapy. Please join us as an author or reviewer in our efforts to communicate across disciplines with both practitioners and academics. We wish each of you a happy and safe holiday season!

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